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**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Art Holmes  
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**FROM:** Roger Berliner  
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**RE:** Next Steps for Downcounty Bikeshare

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First let us congratulate you and your staff on the \$1,008,000 Maryland Department of Transportation Bikeshare grant your Department successfully secured for Montgomery County. It was a strong application and you are to be commended for your commitment to pursuing Bikeshare.

We believe our goal moving forward should be to have a downcounty Bikeshare network, comprised of 29 stations and 204 bikes throughout Friendship Heights, Takoma Park, Silver Spring, Bethesda, and Medical Center, up and running by the end of this calendar year. To achieve that objective, we clearly must move expeditiously on a number of fronts. In particular, we would appreciate further details on the implementation plan, including:

1. As you know, our County has assembled state funding, both through a bond bill and the MDOT grant; private sector commitments; and funding from the Planning Board. Will these sources be sufficient to fund Phase I of the downcounty network? If funding “gaps” remain, what is our strategy moving forward to address them?
2. It is our goal to integrate into the existing Capital Bikeshare network. Has DOT begun working with Capital Bikeshare representatives to draft a Memorandum of Understanding that prescribes Montgomery County’s participation in the network?

We hope that you and your staff set an ambitious timeline to work through these matters and any other items that need resolving in order to implement the system by the end of 2012.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts on this initiative. We share your excitement in receiving the MDOT grant and hope that you will seize on that momentum to move swiftly through the next phases of implementation.